Fake Overseas Universities

3304. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether lack of the quality checks and mechanism to probe and verify bonafides, is helping the fake overseas universities to operate from India without any hindrance or regulation;

(b) whether the State of Hawaii in the US, has recently served a caveat on the University Grants Commission to look out for a fake university operating in India under the name American University of Hawaii';

(c) whether this "American Hawaii University' was barred from operating in Hawaii and fined heavily as it was found to be a one-man teaching shop; and

(d) whether UGC has put such alerts in its website to alert Indian students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) A committee of experts has been constituted to examine all relevant issues pertaining to the entry of foreign Universities in india.

(b) According to the University Grant Commission (UGC), no such caveat has been served on the Commission.

(c) According to the United States Educational Foundation in India (USEFI), the Hawaii University was penalized by a Hawaii court for awarding degrees against the relevant State Laws.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Central Universities with Tamil Department

3305. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Universities having a separate Tamil Department;

(b) whether there is any proposal to introduce Tamil in the Central Universities; and